IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 7.

Claims 10 and 26 have been amended as indicated in a marked-up version of the claims attached hereto:

10. (Five times amended) A method for inhibiting apoptosis in a cell comprising contacting the cell with a recombinant adenovirus comprising a polynucleotide encoding a RIDα-S polypeptide, a RIDα-L polypeptide and a RIDβ polypeptide, as disclosed in SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2 and SEQ ID NO:4, wherein (a) the polynucleotide is operably linked to a cytomegalovirus ("CMV") promoter, (b) the adenovirus enters the cell and delivers the polynucleotide to the cell, (c) the RIDα-S polypeptide, RIDα-L polypeptide and RIDβ polypeptide are expressed in the cell in an amount sufficient to inhibit apoptosis of the cell, (d) the cell expresses Fas, DR3, TRAIL-R1, or TRAIL-R2, and (e) the adenovirus lacks at least one functional E1 gene and, wherein said cell is introduced into a host.

26. (Amended) The method of claim 13 wherein the host is a mouse.

Please add the following new claims:

27. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the cell is a human cell.

28. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the cell is an A549 cell.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, and 23-26 are pending in the instant application. Claims 10 and 26 have been amended. Claims 27 and 28 have been added. Claim 7 has been cancelled.